Withdrawal of their airlines proposal by the Tatas

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SHRI O.P. KOHLI:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st December, 1998 and State:

(a) the details stages through which the proposal passed and at what stage it was stuck up at the end and whether the corruptions, if any, were induced by the Tatas;

(b) whether this was the second proposal, after the Bangalore airport project, from which the Tatas had pulled out of in July; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) A chronology of M/s Tata Industries' proposal to operate scheduled air transport services is given in the statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The Government of Karnataka have informed that M/s. Tata Industries Limited and the Government of Karnataka are presently reworking the project viability.

Statement

Chronology of consideration of the proposal of M/s Tata Industries

O 26th December, 1997	: (i) Proposal submitted to FIPB for foreign equity participation.
	: (ii) Proposal for NOC to operate scheduled air transport services initially with 7 aircraft.
O 17th July, 1998	Placed on the agenda for the FIPB meeting. Deferment sought. Recommended by FIPB for consideration of CCFI.
O 18th March, 1998	Certain clarification sought by MCA from the company
O 25th March, 1998	Clarification received.
O 24th April, 1998	Proposal considered by the AAC and it was decided that the representative of the company may be invited in the next meeting.
O 16th May, 1998	Placed on the Agenda of the FIPB meeting. Deferred for 4 weeks.
O 13th June, 1998	Placed on the Agenda of the FIPB Deferred.
O 4th July, 1998	Certain more clarification sought from the company
O 6th July, 1998	Clarification received.
O 11th July, 1998	Placed on the agenda of the FIPB meeting. Deferement sought for 4 weeks.
O 17th August, 1998	FIPB meeting defered.
O 29th August, 1998	FIPB meeting held. Deferement of proposal sought.
O 1st September, 1998	M/s Tata Industries have written a letter withdrawing the proposal.